

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 16-19 have been withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1-15 and 20 have been objected to. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-19 have been withdrawn from consideration because they are drawn to non-elected subject matter. However, the Examiner has stated that rejoinder may be considered once the remaining claims are allowed, provided that claims 16-19 are commensurate in scope with the allowed claims and meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicants believe that rejoinder will be appropriate at that time; claims 16-19 are commensurate in scope with claims 1-15 and 20 and are believed to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claims 1-15 and 20 have been objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. Claims 1-9 have been amended to eliminate non-elected subject matter and claims 10-15 and 20 are not believed to encompass non-elected subject matter; consequently, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request the allowance of all of claims 1-15 and 20, and rejoinder and allowance of claims 16-19; prompt advancement of the case to issue is also solicited. No fee is believed to be due herewith, but should a fee be due it should be charged to Deposit Acct. No. 01-1425.


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